

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A method for dispensing cleaning agent use in a hard surface cleaner comprising steps of:

- a) providing a supply of cleaning agent;
- b) providing a flow control device coupled to the supply of cleaning agent;
- c) providing a flow of cleaning agent traveling from the supply of cleaning agent through the flow control device; and
- d) restricting the flow of cleaning agent to less than approximately 10.0 cubic centimeters per minute using the flow control device.

2. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step a) includes storing the cleaning agent in a collapsible container.

3. (original): The method of claim 2, wherein the collapsible container is a collapsible bag.

4. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the flow of cleaning agent is restricted to less than approximately 5.0 cubic centimeters per minute in the restricting step d).

5. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the providing step c) includes driving the flow of cleaning agent using a pump.

6. (original): The method of claim 5 including providing a control signal to the pump to control the driving of the flow of cleaning agent.

7. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the restricting step d) includes directing the flow of cleaning agent through a labyrinthine fluid flow path of the flow control device.

8. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the restricting step d) includes directing the flow of cleaning agent through an orifice plate.

9. (original): The method of claim 1 including respectively generating relatively high and low pressures at an inlet and an outlet of the flow control device.

10. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the cleaning agent is in a concentrated form.

11. (original): The method of claim 1 including a step of mixing the flow of cleaning agent with a flow of primary cleaning liquid component to form a flow of cleaning liquid.

12. (original): The method of claim 11 including aerating the flow of cleaning liquid to form a flow of foam-like aerated cleaning liquid.

13. (original): The method of claim 12 including dispensing the flow of foam-like aerated cleaning liquid to a hard surface.

14. (original): A mobile hard floor surface cleaner configured to perform the method of claim 1.

15. (original): The method of claim 1 including:

- e) providing a second supply of cleaning agent;
- f) providing a second flow control device coupled to the second supply of cleaning agent;

- g) providing a second flow of cleaning agent traveling from the second supply of cleaning agent through the second flow control device; and
- h) restricting the second flow of cleaning agent to less than approximately 10.0 cubic centimeters per minute using the second flow control device.

16. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the providing step e) includes storing the second supply of cleaning agent in a collapsible container.

17. (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the collapsible container is a collapsible bag.

18. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the restricting step h) restricts the second flow of cleaning agent to less than approximately 5.0 cubic centimeters per minute.

19. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the providing step g) includes driving the second flow of cleaning agent using a pump.

20. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the restricting step h) includes directing the second flow of cleaning agent through a labyrinthine fluid flow path of the second flow control device.

21. (original): The method of claim 15, wherein the restricting step h) includes directing the second flow of cleaning agent through an orifice plate of the second flow control device.

22. (original): The method of claim 15 including respectively generating relatively high and low pressures at an inlet and an outlet of the second flow control device.

23. (original): The method of claim 15 including a step of mixing the second flow of cleaning agent with a flow of primary cleaning liquid component to form a flow of cleaning liquid.

24. (original): The method of claim 23 including aerating the flow of cleaning liquid to form a flow of foam-like aerated cleaning liquid.

25. (original): The method of claim 24 including dispensing the flow of foam-like aerated cleaning liquid to a hard surface.

26. (original): A mobile hard floor surface cleaner configured to perform the method of claim 15.

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